

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICER INVOLVED
SHOOTING EVALUATION

UNIT: CARSON STATION
DATE: JULY 9, 1993
TIME: 1740 HOURS
LOCATION: 129th STREET AND TOWNE AVENUE, LOS ANGELES (COUNTY AREA)
URN#: 093-10529-1690-055
IAB#: 005685
NATURE OF INCIDENT: DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING, ON DUTY, ONE SUSPECT WOUNDED,
ONE SUSPECT STILL OUTSTANDING. ATTEMPT MURDER ON A PEACE
OFFICER.

COMPLETED BY: SERGEANTS RAY MARLETT & THOM BRADSTOCK
Internal Affairs Bureau

DATE: AUGUST 24, 1993

REVIEWED BY THE FOLLOWING:

UNIT COMMANDER *Joseph P. James* DATE: 9-10-93

AREA COMMANDER *Bruce King* DATE: 9/23/93

DIVISION CHIEF *William A. Davis* DATE: 9/23/93

ASSISTANT SHERIFF: *Raymond L. Morris* DATE: 10/7/93

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INCIDENT DATA**

WHAT INITIATED INCIDENT

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Observation

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Search Warrant

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Arrest Warrant

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LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

129th Street and Towne Avenue, Los Angeles, Ca (County Area)

TYPE OF LOCATION

Residence

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Business

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Industrial

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Parking Lot

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Street

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Backyard

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Freeway

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Rural

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Other

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SHOOTING CONDITIONS

DATE

July 9, 1993

TIME

1740 Hours

DAY

Friday

LIGHTING

Day light

WEATHER

Sunny and Warm

DISTANCE

Twenty Feet

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

Deputies Had Been Shot at by two Suspects

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CLASSIFICATION

ACCIDENTAL:	No
GUN TAKE-AWAY:	No
PERSON(S) ARMED:	Yes
PERSON(S) UNARMED:	No
STARTLE:	No
UNINTENTIONAL:	No
DEPUTY IN UNIFORM:	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> RAID JACKET: <input type="checkbox"/> PLAIN CLOTHES: <input type="checkbox"/>
VEST WORN:	Yes
FOOT PURSUIT:	No
VEHICLE PURSUIT:	Yes
MOVING VEHICLE:	Yes
VEHICLE STOP:	No
TYPE OF HOLSTER:	Department Issue
GUN IN HOLSTER:	No
STRUGGLE INVOLVED:	No
ADDITIONAL FACTS AND INFORMATION: Both suspects were armed, and shots were fired at the deputies.	

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DEPUTY INVOLVED

SHOOTER					
EMPLOYEE'S NAME Bartlett, William					
RANK Deputy Sheriff		EMPLOYEE NO. [REDACTED]		UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT Carson Station Field Operations Region II	
SEX Male	RACE White	HEIGHT 6'0"	WEIGHT 220	DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]	AGE [REDACTED]
DUTY STATUS Continuing on Duty				HIRE DATE 09-23-87	
UNIFORM Yes		RAID JACKET No		PLAIN CLOTHES No	
				VEST Yes	
INJURED No			DECEASED No		CORONER'S CASE NO. None
DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES None					
WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [] NO [X]					
WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [X] NO []					
WHERE? Carson Station					
SUPERVISED BY: Lieutenant Masse					
WEAPON USED					
TYPE Department Issue, 92F, 9mm, Beretta			AUTHORIZED Yes		
AMMUNITION TYPE Department Issue			AUTHORIZED Yes		
RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]		NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY Five		NO. OF HITS See Summary of Incident	
DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY					
UNDER THE INFLUENCE No		TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED No		ORDERED BY Not Applicable	
TRAINING INFORMATION					
LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]			PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]		

DEPUTY INVOLVED
Continued

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY

[illegible]

PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)

[illegible]

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DEPUTY INVOLVED

SHOOTER						
EMPLOYEE'S NAME [REDACTED]						
RANK Deputy Sheriff		EMPLOYEE NO. [REDACTED]		UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT Carson Station Field Operations Region II		
SEX Male	RACE White	HEIGHT 5'10"	WEIGHT 185	DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]	AGE [REDACTED]	
DUTY STATUS Continuing on Duty					HIRE DATE 09-07-88	
UNIFORM Yes		RAID JACKET No		PLAIN CLOTHES No		VEST Yes
INJURED No				DECEASED No	CORONER'S CASE NO. None	
DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES None						
WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [<input type="checkbox"/>] NO [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] NO [<input type="checkbox"/>] WHERE? Carson Station SUPERVISED BY: Lieutenant Masse						
WEAPON USED						
TYPE Department Issued 92F, 9mm, Beretta				AUTHORIZED Yes		
AMMUNITION TYPE Department Issue				AUTHORIZED Yes		
RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]		NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY Two		NO. OF HITS Unknown		
DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY						
UNDER THE INFLUENCE No		TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED No		ORDERED BY Not Applicable		
TRAINING INFORMATION						
LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]				PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]		

DEPUTY INVOLVED
Continued

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY

[illegible]

PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)

[illegible]

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SUSPECT/SUBJECT

LAST NAME Miller			FIRST NAME Paris			M/I D	
ADDRESS <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 1.2em;"></div>							
SEX: Male	RACE Black	HEIGHT 5'11"	WEIGHT 180	D.O.B. 10-24-72	AGE 21	DECEASED No	
INJURED Yes		DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES Gun shot wound to the chest					
SUSPECT'S TOXICOLOGY							
UNDER THE INFLUENCE Unknown							
TYPE OF SUBSTANCE Unknown				LAB TEST CONDUCTED Unknown			
ARMED Yes				TYPE OF WEAPON Semi-Automatic .380 Caliber Hand gun, "Jennings"			
NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED BY SUSPECT Unknown				NUMBER OF HITS None			
SUSPECT VEHICLE 1980 Toyota, Black, Corolla, Hatchback, License # [REDACTED] Hawthorne P.D. Stolen (#93-136)							
CRIMINAL HISTORY (ATTACH COPY OF RAPs) Attached							
SUMMARY OF INCIDENT Attached							

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SUSPECT/SUBJECT

LAST NAME Unknown		FIRST NAME Unknown		M/I Unk.	
ADDRESS Unknown					
SEX: Male	RACE Black	HEIGHT 5'8" -- 6'	WEIGHT Slim Build	D.O.B. Unk.	AGE Unk.
INJURED Unk.		DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES Unk.			
SUSPECT'S TOXICOLOGY					
UNDER THE INFLUENCE Unk.					
TYPE OF SUBSTANCE Unk.			LAB TEST CONDUCTED None		
ARMED Yes			TYPE OF WEAPON Handgun, semi-automatic, "AA arms" 9mm, Mod. 8p9		
NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED BY SUSPECT Several shots, Unknown how many			NUMBER OF HITS None		
SUSPECT VEHICLE 1980 Black Toyota Hatchback, License # [REDACTED] Hawthorne P.D. Stolen					
CRIMINAL HISTORY (ATTACH COPY OF RAPS) Unknown name of Suspect #2.					
SUMMARY OF INCIDENT See Attached					

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

On July 9, 1993, at approximately 1740 hours, Deputies William Bartlett, # [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] who were working Carson Station Unit 162, became involved in a pursuit.

While Bartlett, the driver, and [REDACTED] the "bookman", were patrolling in the Los Angeles County area at 129th Street and Towne Avenue, they observed a black Toyota, license number [REDACTED] (a Hawthorne P.D. stolen), speeding eastbound on 129th Street.

The deputies began following the suspect vehicle, which was occupied by two male Blacks, eastbound on 129th Street. The suspect vehicle turned southbound on Avalon Boulevard, to westbound on 131st Street, then northbound on Towne Avenue. At this time Bartlett activated his emergency lights and siren, and [REDACTED] announced via their radio that they were in pursuit.

The pursuit continued northbound on Towne Avenue to westbound El Segundo Boulevard, where the suspect's vehicle nearly collided with a large truck. The suspect's then turned to northbound Avalon Boulevard and accelerated to approximately 50 MPH.

I.A.B. NOTE: Deputies Bartlett and [REDACTED] were not interviewed by the Internal Affairs Investigators. All statements contained in this Shooting Review, made by the deputies, were taken from the homicide investigative reports.

Deputy [REDACTED] said that the suspect's vehicle suddenly slowed at 126th Street, and their patrol car closed to within one car length of the suspect's vehicle. It was during this time that the deputies were advised that the suspect's vehicle was stolen.

Deputy [REDACTED] said the passenger suspect suddenly leaned out the window of the vehicle, facing the deputies, and was holding a gun. Both deputies "dived down", and Bartlett said he believed that the suspect intended to "blow out the windshield" and "kill us."

After both deputies "dove" to the center of the radio car seat, Bartlett said he heard two quick gunshots. Bartlett said he sharply braked the radio car to get some distance between their vehicle and the suspect's vehicle. The distance between the two cars then widened to approximately five car lengths.

Bartlett stated that he believed that the driver (Suspect Paris Miller) was also armed and was going to shoot at them. Deputy [REDACTED] broadcast on the radio that there had been "923's" (shots fired) and Bartlett told him "NO!, 245 (assault) on a police officer! He's trying to kill us!" Bartlett said he saw something fall out of the passenger side of the suspect's vehicle, but he could not tell what the object was.

The object that Bartlett saw fall from the suspect's vehicle near San Pedro and 122nd Street was an ammunition magazine that contained five live rounds of "Winchester Luger" brand ammunition. Near where the magazine was found was seven expended 9mm casings, and eight live 9mm "Winchester Luger" rounds. Also found on San Pedro Street, was two expended .380 caliber, "CCI" brand casings.

After the suspect's fired at the deputies, the suspect's vehicle accelerated and pulled further away from the deputies, approximately 12 car lengths. Bartlett said he maintained this distance for safety, and continued to follow the suspect's vehicle.

At 119th Street, Bartlett said the suspect's braked sharply, then turned left (westbound) onto 118th Place. The suspect driver lost control of the vehicle, swerved into the eastbound lane, then struck a pickup truck that was parked at the south curb. Bartlett said he tried to stop the radio car a safe distance away from the suspect's vehicle, but the brakes were hot and the radio car continued to roll until they were much too close to the suspect's car.

Deputy Bartlett stated that he and the suspect driver (Miller) exited their vehicles at about the same time. Bartlett said when Miller exited his car, he had his left shoulder pointed in his (Bartlett's) direction, and had both of his hands at his side, near his right waistband. Bartlett stated that he believed that Miller had a gun, and then saw Miller's hands come up. Bartlett said he believed that Miller was going to shoot him. Bartlett said he fired what he believes was five shots at Miller. Bartlett said he saw Miller dive onto the driveway at [REDACTED] East 118th Place, and take what he thought was cover behind a vehicle that was parked in the driveway. Bartlett believed that Miller was preparing to shoot him and [REDACTED] so Bartlett entered the radio car and backed it approximately 20 to 30 feet eastbound away from Miller. Bartlett said that he broadcast a "998" at this time.

Deputy [REDACTED] stated that after the suspect vehicle came to a stop, the passenger suspect exited the car. [REDACTED] said the suspect turned toward them, and began moving in their direction with his right arm stiff at his side, as if he was still holding a weapon. Believing that the suspect was going to shoot at them again, [REDACTED] said he fired two shots at the passenger suspect. [REDACTED] said the suspect turned and ran westbound out of sight. [REDACTED] said within 30 to 40 seconds, assisting units began arriving. Both deputies believed, at that time, they had not struck either of the suspect's with their gunfire.

After a containment was set up, the deputies approached the suspect's vehicle and observed weapons laying on the floorboard, (Exhibit F & G) left behind by the suspects. A search of the area for the suspects proved fruitless.

On July 15, 1993, Sheriff's Firearm Technician Dale Higashi told homicide investigators that the .380 caliber expended casings recovered at the crime scene had been examined and found not to have been fired by the .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol that was recovered from inside the suspect's vehicle on the night of the shooting.

I.A.B. NOTE: This would indicate that the suspects had two .380 caliber weapons in their possession.

Shortly after the suspect's fled from the scene, Suspect Miller was admitted to Martin Luther King Medical Center for treatment of a gunshot wound to the chest. Suspect Miller told homicide investigators that he had been shot in a "Drive-By" and refused to give any further information. The bullet that struck Miller is lodged in his chest. The doctors that operated on Miller did not remove the bullet, therefore, a ballistics test could not be done, to determine if the bullet was from Deputy Bartlett's weapon.

The second suspect (passenger) has been tentatively identified as George Michael Bender, MB/20 DOB: 06-04-73, residing at [REDACTED] Bender resides with his [REDACTED] at this location

I.A.B. NOTE: The suspect's vehicle collided with the pickup truck at [REDACTED] East 118th Place, less than one block from Bender's residence.

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WITNESS LIST

SWORN AND DEPT EMPLOYEES TO INCLUDE NAME, RANK, EMPLOYEE NUMBER, UNIT, AND DIVISION/REGION OF ASSIGNMENT - ALL OTHER WITNESSES TO INCLUDE NAME, ADDRESS (BUSINESS AND HOME) AND TELEPHONE #

WITNESS # _____ None Interviewed by Internal Affairs Investigators

was interviewed on _____ at _____ hours by _____
of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was (was not) tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his/her Administrative Rights: Yes ☐ No ☐

WITNESS # _____

was interviewed on _____ at _____ hours by _____
of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was (was not) tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his/her Administrative Rights: Yes ☐ No ☐

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WITNESS # _____

was interviewed on _____ at _____ hours by _____
of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was (was not) tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his/her Administrative Rights: Yes ☐ No ☐

NOTE: THIS LIST ONLY CONTAINS THOSE WITNESSES PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED BY I.A.B. INVESTIGATORS. SEE ATTACHED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL WITNESSES.

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ON SCENE CHECK LIST

HANDLING UNIT Homicide		OFFICER IN CHARGE Lieutenant Benedict	
DIAGRAM LOCATION Submitted		PHOTOS OF LOCATION Submitted	
NOTE ALL VEHICLES INVOLVED IN INCIDENT			
LICENSE # <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	DESCRIPTION Toyota, Black Fastback, Hawthorne P.D. Stolen		
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LOCATION OF ANY WEAPONS Two firearms located on the front floor of the suspects vehicle			
LOCATION OF ANY BODIES None			
LOCATION OF ANY BLOOD None at Scene			
COMPLETE WITNESS LIST Submitted			
WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE?		YES []	NO [X]
WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW?		YES [X]	NO []
WHERE? Carson Station			
SUPERVISED BY: Lieutenant Masse, Watch Commander, Carson Station			
VIDEO TAPE OF SCENE By Homicide			
IN SERVICE SHEETS Submitted			

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CASE COMPLETION CHECK LIST

RECORDED RADIO MESSAGES On File at Internal Affairs Bureau
MDT MESSAGES Submitted
STATION LOG PRINT OUT Submitted
CAR LOGS Submitted
PHONE CALL RECORDINGS PERTAINING TO CASE None (Observation)
PRINTS FROM SCENE By Homicide
GSR TEST By Homicide
BLOOD SPATTER EXAM AND ANALYSIS By Homicide
ALL REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS FROM STATION / UNIT Submitted
STATION / UNIT TRAINING RECORDS On File at Carson Station
ACADEMY TRAINING RECORDS On File at S.T.A.R.S. Center
TRAINING RECORDS FOR EQUIPMENT USED On File at S.T.A.R.S. Center
SUSPECT PERSONAL HISTORY INFORMATION Submitted